(b) whether the private Air Taxi operators are noi atricity observing thos fltiidelines; and

(c) if so, what are the details of action taken against such private Air Taxi Operators?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The guidelines are indicated in the annexuie. *[See* Appendix 170, annexure No. 6).

(b) and (c) The : guidelines are generally being coompiied with the Air Taxi Operators as and when any deviation is no iced corrective action is taken.

Scliemes for Davelopment of 0Tourisd Potential of Orissa

376. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Wiil the. Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gevemment are aware on the fact that Orissa is a potential State *for* tourists of various interest;

(b) if so, the steps taken to develop the tourist potential of Orissa;

(c) whether any scheme has been prepared in this rsgard; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to imp cmeut those schemes?

THE MINISTER *Oh* CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Development of Tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Government. However, with effect from the 7th Plan Period to 1993-94, 48 schemes amounting to Rs. 648.59 lakhs have been sanctioned. Under the National Action Plan for Tourism, a travel circuit comprising Bhubaneswar- Puri-Konark has also beer, identified for intensive development.

Operation of Air Taite in Non-Metco-Ponses

377. SHRI M. A. BABY:
SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to ask Air Taxi operators to spread their wings into areas other than Delhi, Bombay, Madras and Calcutta route; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIA TION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHU LAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir. Air Taxi Operators are free to fly to any of the 93 airports open for scheduled o-'.ftralion. The quideines for scheduled opera tion however contain sucn a provision.

(b) Does not arise.

Operations of Air Tans in N.E.

378. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: SHRIMATI SARLA MAHES-WARI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air Taxi operators are operating their services in North-East, deep East and other unlinked areas; and

(b) if so, what are those areas?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The details of stations and private air taxi operators operating to North East are as under :—

Operators			Stations
East	West	Airlines	Guwahati.